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Reducing nuclear danger

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the use of nuclear weapons poses the most serious threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

Reaffirming that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would constitute a violation of the United Nations Charter,

Convinced that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

Considering that until nuclear weapons cease to exist, it is imperative on the part of the Nuclear-Weapon States to adopt measures that assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Considering also that the hair-trigger alert of nuclear weapons carries unacceptable risks of unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons which will have catastrophic consequences for all mankind,

Conscious that limited steps relating to detargeting have been taken by the Nuclear-Weapon States to address this concern and that further steps are necessary to contribute to the improvement in the international climate for negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons,

Mindful that reduction of tensions brought about by a change in nuclear doctrines would positively impact on international peace and security and improve the conditions for the further reduction and the elimination of nuclear weapons,

Reiterating the highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly and by the international community,

98-34220 (E) 091198

Recalling that the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons that "there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control",

1. *Calls for* a review of nuclear doctrines and in this context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Requests* the five Nuclear-Weapon States to provide the Secretary-General information on the measures undertaken towards implementation of this resolution or efforts undertaken by them to promote the objectives envisaged in this resolution;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the developments relating to the implementation of this resolution to the fifty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly the item entitled "Reducing nuclear danger".

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Reducing nuclear danger

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the use of nuclear weapons poses the most serious threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

Reaffirming that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would constitute a violation of the United Nations Charter,

Convinced of the belief that the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects would seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war,

Convinced that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

Considering that until nuclear weapons cease to exist, it is imperative on the part of the Nuclear-Weapon States to adopt measures that assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Considering also that the hair-trigger alert of nuclear weapons carries unacceptable risks of unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons which will have catastrophic consequences for all mankind,

Conscious that limited steps relating to detargeting have been taken by the Nuclear-Weapon States to address this concern and that further steps are necessary to contribute to the improvement in the international climate for negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons,

Mindful that reduction of tensions brought about by a change in nuclear doctrines would positively impact on international peace and security and improve the conditions for the further reduction and the elimination of nuclear weapons,

98-34997 (E) 121198

Reiterating the highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly and by the international community,

Recalling that the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons that "there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control",

1. *Calls for* a review of nuclear doctrines and in this context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Requests* the five Nuclear-Weapon States to undertake measures towards the implementation of operative paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

3. *Also calls upon* Member States to take the necessary measures to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to promote nuclear disarmament, with the ultimate objective of eliminating nuclear weapons;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Reducing nuclear danger".